



Dear Applicant

Year 1 Class Teacher (Maternity Cover, 0.6fte)

Welcome to Durrington All Saints Church of England Infant School, and thank you for your interest in this post.

The Acorn Education Trust

Acorn Education Trust was established in 2014 to provide a local solution to a national strategy. Our mission: to “prepare young people for their world in their time” through excellent leadership, excellent teaching and excellent learning is at the heart of all that we do. In every Acorn school you will see:

- active and visible leadership
- care, support and challenge
- opportunities for all
- readiness to reach out
- needs of all are paramount.

Kingdown School is the founding school alongside Dilton Marsh Church of England Primary School and The Avenue Primary School. Acorn now serves 17 schools (3 secondary and 14 primary).

One of the Trust’s main operational objectives is to ensure the Headteacher focuses on leading teaching and learning, so the business element is mainly managed by Trust staff. Reducing back office staff by sharing resources, improving IT and school to school support is keeping each school financially healthy and directing as much money as possible into teaching and learning. As mentioned in the acrostic above, professional development is a key priority and we hope that whoever joins a school in the Trust will see the potential career opportunities within Acorn.

While Directors are very keen for all schools to develop their unique identity and serve their community, there are key areas where the Trust expects to see standardisation or alignment. Within the primary school context this relates to: assessment; health and safety and various policies.

The Directors maintain overall responsibility for all Trust schools, however they delegate many tasks to each school Academy Council of Governors through the scheme of delegation. The latter are the guardians of:

- the standards in the school
- the safety of the students and staff
- the management of the finances and assets
- the school’s identity and community ethos.

Durrington C of E Infant School Academy Council works collaboratively with the Senior Leadership Team to ensure high challenge and support.

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About the school

Durrington All Saints C of E Infant School is situated within the heart of the charming village of Durrington. As a new member of the Acorn Education Trust family, we are excited about the opportunities for both our staff and pupils to continue to flourish.

Our school community is busy, friendly and welcoming. Our school motto is 'proud to be me and be the best that I can be'; We make this a reality for our pupils, by providing a positive and happy learning environment with a strong Christian ethos and high expectations for behaviour. As a Thrive school, we want all of our pupils to leave us as independent and resilient life-long learners.

With a total allocation of 180 places, we currently have approximately 150 pupils on roll, taught in five classes. We are incredibly proud of our inclusive and adaptable approach to learning which helps all children succeed.

We have strong relationships with the Junior School, All Saints Church and wider community groups. Our staff operate an 'open door' policy for parents, carers and the wider community to maintain the excellent relationships we've formed.

For the successful applicant we can offer:

- Enthusiastic children area who are eager to learn and are proud of their school;
- A genuine commitment to your professional development and well-being;
- A committed, cohesive and caring staff team;
- A skilled and supportive Academy Council who work in partnership with the Head, staff and the Trust;
- Support and collaboration with other professionals within the Trust.

Your application

We hope you will feel excited about this opportunity and we look forward to hearing from you.

To arrange an informal discussion for more information about the role please contact the Administration Officer, at admin@durringtoninfantschool.org.uk or by telephone on 01980 652468.

To apply, please click the "Quick Apply" button on the TES website and send a letter of application to finance@durringtoninfantschool.org.uk.

With many thanks for your interest in Durrington All Saints C of E Infant School.

Yours sincerely



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Chair of Acorn Education Trust Directors



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